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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - PL-480 ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN (S/S NO. 7617137)

1. THE PROBLEM.

WE ARE READY TO IMPLEMENT YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 200,000 TO OF WHEAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PAKISTAN FOR RECOVERY FROM FLOODS. THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT WAYS THIS MIGHT BE DONE AND THE OPTIONS OFFERED BELOW ARE POSED TO YOU FOR CONSIDERATION RELATIVE TO OUR COMMITMENT.

2. DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS.

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THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE (OPTION A) IS TO PROVIDE 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER TITLE I. THIS OPTION COULD BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS AND WOULD ENTAIL AN AMENDMENT TO AN AUGUST 7, 1975, AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY WITHIN THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER. IT PRESUMES (AS DO THE OTHER OPTIONS) THAT THE GO WOULD BE ABLE TO BUY AND SHIP ALL OR THE GREATER PORTION OF THE 200,000 TONS BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1976. SHIPMENT AFTER THA DATE WOULD COME FROM PAKISTAN'S FY 77 ALLOCATION.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE (OPTION B) IS TO PROVIDE 150,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER TITLE I AND 50,000 TONS UNDER TITLE II THE LATTER UNDER A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPTION IS THAT THE 50,000 TONS WOULD CONSTITUTE GRANT ASSISTANCE. THE DRAWBACKS TO THIS OPTION ARE THE INABILITY OF THE GOP TO ABSORB LARGE QUANTITIES OF DONATED WHEAT OUTSIDE OF THE MARKET, THE GOP'S POOR RECORD IN CARRYING OUT TITLE II PROGRAMS IN THE PAST, AND THE EXCESSIVE TIME AND DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING A TITLE II AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, WE WOULD HAVE TO MONITOR TH PROGRAM AND THE GOP'S INABILITY TO PROGRAM THIS MUCH WHEAT IN ADDITION TO AMOUNTS ALREADY BEING ABSORBED THROUGH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WOULD BE A CAUSE OF RECURRING IRRITATIO AND DIFFICULTY IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

THE THIRD AND SIMILAR ALTERNATIVE (OPTION C) IS TO PROVIDE 150,000 TONS UNDER TITLE I AND 50,000 TONS UNDER TITLE II THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. THIS WOULD ALSO TAKE TIME AND WOULD REQUIRE NEGOTIATION SIMILAR TO OPTION B. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD REQUIRE AGREEMENT BY THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM WHICH ALREADY HAS SUBSTANTIAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES. ALTHOUGH THIS OPTION HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF FREEING THE USG FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND BILATERAL IRRITANTS THAT WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH A DIRECT TITLE II PROGRAM, A WFP PROJECT WOULD STILL REQUIRE GOP MANAGEMENT INPUTS, WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY WEAK.

3. THE OPTIONS

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A. OFFER 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER TITLE I FOR DELIVERY AND SHIPMENT WITHIN THIS TRANSITIONAL QUARTER.

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- -- QUICK AND EASY AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AGREEMENT
- -- OFFERS MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY TO GOP WITH A MINIMUM OF RED TAPE

CON

- -- DOES NOT CONTAIN A GRANT COMPONENT
- B. OFFER 150,000 TONS UNDER TITLE I AND 50,000 TONS UNDER TITLE II GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERMENT AGREEMENT

PRO

-- THE 50,000 TONS WOULD BE NEGOTIATED AS GRANT ASSISTANCE

CON

- -- PAKISTAN HAS NOT SHOWN ITSELF ABLE TO RECEIVE AND DISTRIBUTE MAJOR QUANTITIES OF DONATED WHEAT FOR DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE THE MARKET. WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH THE GOP'S PERFORMANCE IN CARRYING OUT TITLE II PROGRAMS IN THE PAST.
- -- AGREEMENTS OF THIS TYPE TAKE TIME TO NEGOTIATE AND RISK DIFFICULTIES IN THE PROCESS.
- -- THE GOP WOULD LOSE FLEXIBILITY UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT.
- C. OFFER 150,000 TONS UNDER TITLE I AND 50,000 TONS UNDER TITLE II UNDER THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND WITHIN THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER.

PRO

- -- THE 50,000 TONS WOULD BE NEGOTIATED AS GRANT ASSISTANCE
- -- OFFERING THIS ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM WOULD RELIEVE THE USG OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH A DIRECT TITLE II AGREEMENT

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- -- TIME CONSUMING NEGOTIATIONS SIMILAR TO OPTION B WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED
- -- IN ADDITION WE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT FOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.
- -- WFP MAY NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO UTILIZE ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES
- -- THE GOP WOULD LOSE FLEXIBILITY UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT.
- 5. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION A(200,00 TONS UNDER TITLE I) SINCE IT OFFERS A SPEEDY RESPONSE, WITH A MINIMUM OF RED

TAPE AND THE MAXIMUM OF FLEXIBILITY. IT ALSO IS FAVORED BY OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED.
APPROVE
DISAPPROVE
ALTERNATIVELY:
THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION B (150,000 TONS TITLE I, 50,000 TONS TITLE II).
APPROVE DISAPPROVE
ALTERNATIVELY:
THAT YOU APPROVE OPTION C (150,000 TONS TITLE I, 50,000 TONS TITLE II, ALL OF WHICH WOULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH WORLD FOOD PROGRAM).
APPROVE DISAPPROVE
ALTERNATIVELY:
THAT WE DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER UPON YOUR RETURN.
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